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"AN AMERICAN SAMPLER" DEPICTS THE LIFE OF BYGONE YEARS

"An American Sampler: A Look at Life in the 1800's" has opened in the Ground Floor galleries of the Main Building. A major show of some 270 items, the exhibit revisits the 19th-century American scene through a wide variety of materials from the Prints and Photographs Division and the Rare Book Room. Lithographic prints, posters, sheet music covers, photographs, tobacco labels, broadsides, and advertisements depict Americans of the last century and the way they lived, worked, and played, as well as scenic views of city, country, and wilderness.

The section on Everyday Life portrays the American family at home, at school, and at work. From "School Girls March" to "Sketches of College Life" to Currier and Ives scenes of "Middle Age" and "Old Age," all phases of life are presented. A group of prints by Prang show craftsmen at work at various occupations, while photographs catch such long-lost tradesmen as the feather-duster man, the organ grinder, the scissors grinder, and the bill poster. Advertisements for Mother's Bread, for Spear's Anti-Dust Gas-Burning Egg Parlor Stove, and for Wolcott's Instant Pain Annihilator add notes on everyday things that were a part of 19th-century everyday life. A printed handkerchief warns against the "Progress of Intemperance," and a poster advertising "Histories of Our Heroes Packed in Duke Cigarettes" is displayed with a group of the miniature booklets it promotes. In addition, urban views of Washington, Boston, and New York are contrasted with such rural scenes as a cotton plantation, a camp meeting, and cider making in New England.

Fashions from the 1830's to the close of the century are traced in a second section of the exhibit. Ads

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ORPHEUS TRIO IN CONCERT ON DECEMBER 7

On Friday evening, December 7, the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor a concert of instrumental chamber music by the Orpheus Trio. The members of this trio are Paula Robison, flute; Scott Nickrenz, viola; and Gloria Agostini, harp. Their program will include Trio Sonata in C minor by Georg Philipp Telemann; Sonata for harp by Paul Hindemith; Suite in D minor for viola by Johann Sebastian Bach; Variations brillantes, for flute and harp, Op. 20 by Theobald Boehm; Ohlédnuti Orfeovo by Lukáš Matoušek; and Sonata for flute, viola, and harp by Claude Debussy.

This concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets for this concert will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, December 3. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on

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Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

This concert will be heard in its entirety by live broadcast over Station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

BRITISH LIBRARIANS VISIT LC

Two senior staff members of the British Museum Library visited the Library on October 17 and 18. Robert Fulford, Keeper, Department of Printed Books, and Ian Willison, Superintendent, North Reading Room, are both travelling in North America to visit significant research libraries and discuss basic problems of library development and management with colleagues on this side of the Atlantic. Although they are on different itineraries, their paths crossed in the Library, where they were entertained at a small official luncheon.

At the request of the Librarian, Mr. Fulford explained to the luncheon guests the changes in the national library system of Great Britain which are currently in progress. He later supplied the following summary of his remarks for the LC *Information Bulletin:*

The setting up of the British Library can be traced back to the Report of the Committee on Libraries of the University Grants Committee (the "Parry Report"), which appeared in 1967. Chapter 7 of the Report contained the statement that "there is no true apex to the library system of the country. In comparison with the organisation of libraries in other countries which have a national library, Britain is especially wanting in this respect". This theme was taken up in much greater detail in the report of the National Libraries Committee (the "Dainton Report"). The Report recommended the setting up of a new national library organisation, and concluded, although it was outside its terms of reference, that the site opposite the British Museum was the only reasonable one for the National Reference Library.

In 1972, the British Library Act was passed giving effect to the main recommendations of the Dainton Committee, and on April 1st., 1973, the British Library Board came into existence. On July 1st, 1973, it assumed responsibility for the collections and services of the British Museum library departments (Printed Books, Manuscripts and Oriental Printed Books and Manuscripts), the Science Reference Library (formerly the National Reference Library of Science and Invention, which previous to that had developed from the former Patent Office Library), the National Lending Library at Boston Spa and the National Central Library. The British National Bibliography is expected to be incorporated into the British Library shortly.

The British Library Board will consist of a Chairman, the Chief Executive, the three Directors General of the major operational divisions, and a number of part-time members drawn from university and public life and including one representative of the Trustees of the British Museum. The Chief Executive is Dr. Harry T. Hookway, who had previously held a number of scientific and educational appointments, including that of Scientific Attaché at the British Embassy in Washington from 1960 to 1964.

The three operational divisions will cover Lending Services, Reference Services and Bibliographic Services respectively. The Director General of Lending Services is Dr. Donald J. Urquhart, formerly Director of the National Lending Library. The integrated British Library Lending Services have been located at Boston Spa and have been formed by merging the former National Central Library and National Lending Library. They will from now on deal with all loan requests. The already substantial central loan stock will be considerably strengthened and there are plans for introducing automated procedures for the maintenance of union catalogues.

The Reference Division will be responsible for the collections and public services of the former British Museum Library Departments and the Science Reference Library. One of its principal preoccupations for many years to come will be the development of plans for the new Bloomsbury building, which is expected to come into use between 1980 and 1984.

The third operational unit, covering Bibliographic Services, will evolve from the processing activities of the British Museum and the British National Bibliography. The British Library will thus find itself in a position corresponding closely to that of the Library of Congress in that cataloguing data produced as a result of processing its own collections will serve equally as the basis for a network of national bibliographic services. An exhaustive review of the problems and prospects facing the British Library in this area is to be found in "The scope for automatic data processing in the British Library", published in 2 volumes in 1972 by HMSO.

The institutions comprising the British Library had in many cases already established close links with libraries in the United States and the Library of Congress in particular. The British Library will be eager to maintain and extend these links.

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for everything from seamless hosiery and corset covers to metallic end suspenders and band uniforms are included. Sheet music covers extol the "Handsome Man," grieve for the girl who has "Nothing to Wear," and portray such fashion fads as the Grecian bend, the chignon, and the bloomer. Colorful fashion plates show the women's, men's, and children's dress that were the "in" style of each decade.

Another section of the exhibit "samples" the sports and leisure time activities enthusiastically pursued by 19th-century Americans. Sheet music covers ring out such tunes as "Gymnast's March," "Billiards on the Brain," "Slaying the Deer (Sleighing the Dear)," and the "Baseball Polka." Humorous companion prints show the "Absorption of a Baseball Player" (into a mug of beer) and the "Evolution of a Cat-cher." Men, women, and children are seen skating, tobogganing, bicycling, and fishing, and playing golf, tennis, basketball, and football. Going to the fair, the circus, horse races, and the ocean beaches are also illustrated.

Finally, "An American Sampler" looks to the West with scenic views as well as portraits of the pioneer, the farmer, and the miner as they pushed the American frontier to the Pacific Ocean and then up through Alaska. Mississippi River steamboats, the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains, San Francisco and the giant sequoias, are all a part of the "Great West" of the 19th Century, as are Buffalo Bill, covered wagons, Indian ceremonies, and log cabins.

Items in the "Sampler" show are highlighted by contemporary quotations from travelers' journals, newspapers, magazines, songs, and poems, which offer comment—sometimes serious, sometimes critical, often humorous—on the subjects portrayed. The exhibit will be on view in the Library until March 31, 1974, when selected items will begin a two-year tour as a traveling exhibit. "An American Sampler" was conceived and planned by Nancy M. Reichley, Visual Information Specialist in the Exhibits Office.

STAFF NEWS

CRS Appointments Announced

William H. Robinson, Specialist in Social Legislation and Assistant Chief of the Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, has been appointed Senior Specialist in Social Welfare and Chief of the Education and Public Welfare Divison, CRS. Mr. Robinson, who is filling the vacancy recently created by the appointment of Fred Arner to Senior Specialist in Social Welfare, assumed his new position November 12.

Mr. Robinson attended Citrus Junior College, Azusa, Calif., Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., and Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, where he received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1961. He later earned his master's degree in public administration from Harvard University in 1963.

Mr. Robinson served as an administrative intern to the city manager of Provo in 1961. From 1962 to 1963, he served as a management intern in the office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1963, he assumed the position of fiscal economist at the Office of Management and Budget, where he remained until 1970. He dealt with various aspects of State and local public finance, and Federal aid to State and local governments. In 1970, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Division Chief, Income Maintenance, at OMB and worked on the analysis of legislative, budgetary, and program policy issues. He was a Federal Executive Fellow at the Brookings Institute from 1968 to 1969.

In October 1972, Mr. Robinson came to the Library of Congress as a Specialist in Social Legislation and Assistant Chief of the Education and Public Welfare Division in CRS. He has published articles in the field of revenue sharing, and has presented papers at several national meetings, including the 1969 Annual Conference of the American Society for Public Administration.

Johnny H. Killian, Legislative Attorney in the

American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service, has been promoted to Specialist in American Public Law and Assistant Chief of the American Law Division, CRS. Mr. Killian is filling the vacancy created by the promotion of Raymond Celada to Senior Specialist in American Public Law. Mr. Killian assumed his new duties on November 12.

Mr. Killian attended North Carolina State College and received his A.B. degree with honors in political science from the University of North Carolina in 1960. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1963.

Mr. Killian came to the Library in October 1963 as a Legal Analyst and Digester in the American Law Division of the Legislative Reference Service. In January 1965, he was promoted to the position of Legal Analyst in the same division. He has been promoted to increasingly more responsible positions and in July 1971 was named Supervisory Editor of the *U.S. Constitution Annotated.* He served in this capacity until his recent promotion.

Mr. Killian is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the North Carolina State Bar.

Staff Members Honored for Contributions and Performance

Eight Library staff members were honored for their initiative, imagination, and high levels of performance in ceremonies held in the Librarian's office on Friday, November 16.

Recipients of Meritorious Service Awards and cash awards were:

Muriel Burdeau, Music Section, Examining Division, Copyright Office, whose significant contribution to the efficiency of the operation of the Sound Recording Unit during its first months, has warranted the special recognition of the Library;

James E. Elder, Processing Unit, Library Services Division, Congressional Research Service, who proposed a procedural change which resulted in increased manpower utilization within his unit and proved beneficial to the entire CRS operation;

Julia E. Harty, Rare Book Division, Reference Department, cited for her cooperation and service over and above her regular duties. In the absence of a fellow staff member, she assumed extra duties and provided special services to Earle E. Coleman and his staff who were preparing the *Bibliography of American Literature;*

Bruce E. Langdon, Subject Specialization Section, Library Services Division, CRS, who was responsible for developing and implementing an automated selective dissemination service, a more effective and efficient means of selecting, duplicating, and distributing cards of new titles.

Incentive Awards and cash awards were presented to:

Thelma Giovannetti, Examining Division, Copyright, honored for her sustained high level of performance in the 20 years in which she has served the Library. The quality of her work is substantially above what is normally required, and her judgment, initiative, and output have provided an excellent example to new members of the professional staff in her division;

Anthony P. Harrison, Book Section, Examining Division, Copyright, responsible for the production and workflow in the section which he serves as Assistant Head. Even as the workflow increased in the past year, he displayed initiative, expertise, and wisdom which contributed greatly to the efficiency of his section and of the Copyright Office;

Betty Jackson, Computer Applications Office, Administrative Department, who received her award in recognition of job performance during a vacancy on the staff of her office. Her performance in executing an unusual workload sustained over a long period of time, her cooperativeness, and her adaptability were commendable;

Mary D. Middleton, Copyright Office Law Library, works consistently above the level of normal requirements, offering invaluable assistance on a number of publications produced in her office. Her consistently high level of performance has made her a valuable employee and deserving of recognition.

AWARDS

Clarence F. Hubbard, Procurement Officer, Procurement and Supply Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin on November 20 by F. E. Croxton, Director of the Administrative Department.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Hubbard has long been a resident of the Washington, D.C., area. He served for two years with the U.S. Navy during World War II and began his Federal career in November 1943 when he joined the staff of the Library as a Clerk in the then Superintendent's Office. He was promoted to progressively more responsible positions in the Procurement and Supply Division and was appointed to his present position on November 12. Mr. Hubbard has the distinction of being a second generation Library worker; his father served for many years as

Mr. Harrison; Miss Giovannetti; Dorothy Keziah, Head, Music Section, Examining Division, Copyright Office; Miss Burdeau; Abe A. Goldman, General Counsel, Copyright; Felicia Healy, Examining Division, Copyright; Mrs. Middleton; Wilma Davis, Attorney Adviser, Copyright Law Library; and Mr. Mumford.

Shirley Loo, Head, Subject Specialization Section, Library Services Division, CRS; Mr. Langdon; Lester S. Jayson, Director, CRS; Mr. Mumford; Mr. Elder; and Merwin C. Phelps, Chief, Library Services Division, CRS.

Present at the awards ceremony were (left to right): Thomas D. Burney, Assistant to the Chief, Rare Book Division; Miss Harty; Mr. Mumford; Mrs. Jackson; and Paul R. Reimers, Coordinator of Information Systems, Administrative Department.

painter foreman on the Architect of the Capitol's Library detail.

Richard H. Mehaffey, Space Management Specialist, Buildings Management Office, was awarded a 25-year Federal Service Award pin by Gerald Garvey, Chief of the Buildings Management Office, at a brief ceremony on November 15. Mr. Mehaffey was born in Lebanon, Pa., and served with the U.S. Navy Submarine Service from June 1942 to December 1945. In June 1949, he received his bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute at Blacksburg.

Mr. Mehaffey began his Federal Service in 1950 with the Bureau of Ships, U.S. Navy Department. In 1959, he joined the U.S. Postal Service, Washington Regional Office, and was appointed Director of the Engineer and Facilities Division in 1962. He left the Postal Service in June 1971 when the Regional Offices were abolished and joined the staff of the Library in October 1972 as a Space Management Specialist.

Nathaniel Smith, Card Processing Clerk, Stock Unit, Card Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on November 9, by Paul E. Edlund, Chief of the Division.

Mr. Smith was born in Montgomery, Ala., and served with the U.S. Air Force from 1951-54. He worked in private industry before joining the staff of the Library in 1956 as a Laborer in the Buildings and Ground Division. In 1957, he was promoted to Library Assistant in the Stack and Reader Division, to Printing and Publications Clerk in the Card Division in 1959, and to his present position in 1968.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Maxine B. Dorf, Head of the Volunteer Services Section, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, attended meetings of the National Braille Association, Inc., as a member of the board of directors and of the National Braille Authority in New York from October 22 through 26. The five-member Braille Authority reviewed changes in the braille music and braille textbook format codes and problems encountered in translating Spanish, and made recommendations for action to the Authority's advisory council.

Dorothy P. Keziah, Head of the Music Section, Examining Division, Copyright Office, participated in a panel on October 20, on the subject of recent developments in copyright law. The program was sponsored jointly by the Practicing Law Institute and the American Bar Association. Mrs. Keziah spoke on the topic "Operation of the Sound Recording Statute." The meeting was held at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Marvin W. Kranz, Specialist in American History, General Reference and Bibliography Division, was interviewed by station WGMS on the subject of Thanksgiving; the interview was aired during the intermission of the Cleveland Symphony broadcast on Wednesday, November 21.

Mark A. Lillis, Assistant Chief of the Reference Division, Copyright Office, addressed a general session of the 1973 Federal Library Workshop at Denver, Colo., on September 24. At the interagency meeting attended by more than 300 field librarians, Mr. Lillis spoke on various copyright problems presented by the photocopying controversy and on the role and functions of the Copyright Office. He later participated in a panel discussion on aspects of the copyright law of special interest to the library community.

Leo A. Orleans, Reference Department Office, addressed the faculty seminar at Columbia University in New York City on November 13. His topic was "Population and Social Change in China."

Francis E. Verrier, Head of the Protective Services Section, Buildings Management Office, is a participant in the December 2 segment of *Issues,* a community affairs series produced by WRC-TV (Channel 4), Washington, D.C., in association with The National Presbyterian Center and The Council of Churches of Greater Washington. Mr. Verrier was interviewed for this telecast, which will consider the problems and consequences of shoplifting, while serving as Commander of the Special Investigations Branch, Criminal Investigations Division, of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia. Other participants are Robert J. Burke, Vice President, Giant Food, Inc.; Lowell R. Ditzen, Director of The National Presbyterian Center; and Lewis C. Shealy, Director of Security for Woodward & Lothrop, Inc. The program will be televised on Sunday, December 2, at 10:30 a.m. It will also be broadcast on WRC-AM Radio on Sunday, January 6, at 6:30 a.m., and on WRC-FM at 9:30 a.m.

Donald J. Weber, Acting Head of the National Collections Section, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, was the invited speaker at an organizing luncheon for a proposed roundtable of librarians for the blind and physically handicapped of the Georgia Library Association on October 25 during its biennial conference in Savannah. In his speech, he emphasized the contribution that public libraries can make to

services for blind and physically handicapped readers within the framework of the national library program, the State's regional program, and the growing development of subregional libraries.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Jennifer L. Albert, research analyst, GS-5, FRD, 6212; Anthony M. Bates, reference files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 6204; Gerald Robert Boyd, microphotographer, GT-3, Photodup, 5-100; David C. Gould, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600; David W. Joy, supervisor, camera, processing & printing unit, GT-10, Photodup, 6025; William K. Moore, special policeman (private), GS-5, Bldgs, 6263; Stephen Patrick Moore, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 2-600; Jasmina Parker, acessioner, GS-5, Ser Rec, 6087; Stephanie E. Williams, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, 8-500.

Temporary Appointments: Jeffrey J. Antroinen, clerk, GS-3, CRS D, 6171; Cornell Lawrence, executive office clerk, GS-3, CRS D, 6091; Vastine Platte, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS A, NP; Toni Marie Warrick, library aid, GS-1, Cat Publ, NP.

Reappointments: Mary Louise Tigelaar, rare bookbinder, GS-9, 6276; Dimitri Traicoff, special policeman (private) GS-5, 6029.

Promotions: Fannie L. Beasley, Procurement, to card preparation clerk, GT-3, NUCPP, 14-500; John F. Brannigan, to supervisor, study facilities service unit, GS-7, S&R, 6190; Yvonne J. Brooks, to copy editor, GT-6, Proc, 6214; Michael F. Brown, to motor vehicle operator, WG-5, CS, 6228; Terrell Driver, to assistant systems analyst, GS-11, CRS D, 6261; Michael P. Fitzgerald, to senior programmer, GS-12, ISO, 6259; John Kaldahl, to systems analyst, GS-12, CRS D, 6260; Maria Laqueur, to associate catalog editor, GT-13, NUCPP, 6254; Mary N. Lenhard, to analyst social legislation, GS-11, CRS Ed, NP; Robert V. Offutt, to clerical assistant arranger, GS-3, Cat Publ, NP; Carolyn M. Proctor, to technical aid, GS-5, DBPH, 6098; Tyvise J. T. Queen, to monographic preservation assistant, GS-4, Bind, 6071; Mary Karen Renninger, to supervisor, library services unit, GS-9, DBPH, 6237; Vivian L. Schrader, to section head & descriptive cataloger, GS-13, Desc Cat, 6180; Nancy M. Thomas, Card, to employee relations assistant, GS-6, Empl Rel, 6274; Richard L. Wellons, CRS E, to reference assistant, GS-5, CRS S, 6240; Margaret P. Wells, to senior clerk, GT-6, Photodup, 6199.

Transfers: Susan M. Johannsen, Proc, to clerk-typist, GS-4, Trng, 6280; Allis J. J. Robinson, Card, to editorial clerk, GS-4, Desc Cat, 6183; Cheryl J. Scott, Cat Mgmt, to editorial clerk, GS-4, Desc Cat, 6183.

Resignations: Edward F. Bachman, Mss; Delores L. Minnick, Card; Wendy D. Morgan, Cat Publ; David P. Rose, Subj Cat; Paul C. Spehr, P&P; Rita Marie Volz, E&G; Pamela V. Waesche, CRS D; Gerald M. West, Card.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Patterson are the proud parents of a daughter, Charlene, born on November 13 at Prince Georges Hospital. Mrs. Patterson is a member of the Library's Payroll Preparation Unit.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Since 1970, the Congressional Information Service has collected House and Senate documents, hearings, committee prints, reports, executive reports, executive documents, and special publications and made them available on microfiche. The only such publications excluded are reports and hearings on private bills, publications that are primarily ceremonial, reports dealing with internal housekeeping, reports dealing with Indian affairs and land conveyances, and reprints of previously available departmental publications. The monthly *CIS/Index* provides abstracts of publications issued during the month. Access to the abstracts, which are arranged by committee, is provided by indexes arranged by subjects, names, and bill, report, or document numbers. These subject, name, and number indexes are cumulated quarterly. The *CIS/Annual* cumulates the year's abstracts and indexes and also provides legislative histories for all public laws enacted during the year and updated histories for public laws of the previous year. Like the indexes, the history section provides access, by means of CIS accession numbers, to either the abstracts or the microfiche publications themselves. The CIS materials are in the custody of the Public Reference Section, General Reference and Bibliography Division. The *CIS/Index* and *CIS/Annual* can be consulted in Alcove 5, Main Reading Room. The microfiche and reader are located on Deck 33, off Alcove 6, Main Reading Room. [*David Kresh*]

A recent addition to the references works on private presses in the Rare Book Division is Frank J. Anderson's *Private Presses in the Southeastern United States* (1972), "Machine set in Linotype Caslon No. 137" and "Hand-fed on a 12 x 18 C&P in Boredom and Monotony." The 43-page work, a joint publication of The Pinch Penny Press (Starkville, Miss.) and Anderson's Kitemaug Press (Spartanburg, S.C.), lists 56 private presses located within the borders of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The presses are arranged alphabetically by press name and cross referenced by printer's name. A geographical index is provided at the end. Many of the

entries contain personal notes on the proprietors and their book products, not always found in such directories, highlighting the descriptions of the press, its equipment and bibliography. A useful book for the regional pressman, librarian, and collector.

[*Thomas D. Burney*]

The Computerized Documentation Service (CDS) of UNESCO has begun publication of a new index entitled the *UNESCO List of Documents and Publications* which will appear six times yearly. Part I of each issue contains a full bibliographic description of UNESCO documents and publications processed by the CDS in the period between issues. The individual titles, arranged by "Masterfile" number order, are cataloged in machine-readable form, a modified MARC II format. Each entry includes an abstract with embedded descriptors, a statement of the languages in which the item was issued, the document number or ISBN, and the microfiche number. The second part of each issue contains four indexes covering subjects, titles and series, personal names, and meeting and corporate body names. This portion of each issue is cumulative thus replacing the previous ones. In addition to UNESCO publications the *UNESCO List* covers all General Conference, Executive Board, and main series documents plus working series documents and field project reports. Articles from four of UNESCO's leading periodicals are also indexed individually. The 1973 issues were preceded by a three-volume listing covering 1972 UNESCO materials. A similar cumulative author/title/series listing together with a subject index will be issued for 1973 materials in the spring of 1974.

The new *UNESCO List* opens up a vast amount of additional information because of its in-depth indexing and through its inclusion of working series documents and field project reports. These two categories of documents are not generally available, but the *UNESCO List* presages a wider distribution. All items which have been put on microfiche, including working series items and field reports, will be available on demand as soon as technical details and a price schedule have been worked out. The *UNESCO List*, which supersedes in part the conventionally produced *List of UNESCO Documents and Publications* (ARC/List), is being distributed to UNESCO depository libraries and others receiving the ARC/List. Requests to be placed on the mailing list will be accepted, preferably from institutions rather than individuals. The address is UNESCO, Place de Fontenoy, 75 Paris 7e, France. Issues for 1972 and 1973 are available for consultation in the Union Catalog and International Organizations Reference Section, MB-Room 144.

[*Robert W. Schaaf*]

The **Legislative History Service** published by Microcard Editions, Inc. (901 26th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037) was recently added to the microcard collection in the Microtext Reading Room of the Law Library. Approximately 170 selected legislative histories ranging from Public Law 82-31, the Renegotiation Act of 1951, to Public Law 91-172, the Tax Reform Act of 1969, comprise the collection.

Because the histories were compiled by various contributing local libraries, the format is not always uniform. Generally, each contains a table of contents with an indication of the microcard numbers for retrieval of the material. In most cases, accompanying hearings have been included. A chronology prepared by the contributing library lists bill numbers, dates of action, and page references to the daily *Congressional Record*. Congressional debate was not included in the materials filmed for Public Law 88-352, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, where the filmed material covers 147 microcards, nor for the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967, Public Law 90-222, which covers 168 microcards.

Beginning with the 88th Congress, the filming techniques changed so that the first cards of each of those histories contain a table of contents with corresponding microcard numbers which can be viewed without machine magnification.

When hearings containing indexes have been filmed, the indexes appear. The histories do not include indexes to sections or portions of the act by subject.

Despite the limitations, the filmed legislative histories constitute an important, time-saving source for reports, documents, and hearings that are scattered in serial sets and within collections of the Library.

[*Loretta A. Norris*]

New Hispanic Reference Books. Several new reference books have been added to the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division's reference collection. *Abbreviations in the Latin American Press*, compiled by the Joint Publications Research Service (New York, CCM Information Corp., 1972, 172 p.), presents a selective list of approximately 3,000 abbreviations and acronyms commonly found in Latin American newspapers and journals, helpful to librarians and researchers in the field of Latin American studies.

The Puerto Ricans: An Annotated Bibliography, compiled by Paquita Vivó (New York, Bowker, 1973,

299 p.) attempts to present a complete bibliographic overview of Puerto Rican history, civilization, and society. The annotated entries have been divided into four sections: books, pamphlets, and dissertations; government publications; periodicals; and audiovisual materials. Also included are subject, author, and title indexes. The publication was compiled under the auspices of the Puerto Rican Research and Resources Center, Inc.

In *We Don't Know How: An Independent Audit of What They Call Success In Foreign Assistance,* by William and Elizabeth Paddock (Ames, Iowa University Press, 1972, 331 p. Distributed by the Latin American Service, 327 Colorado Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20005). A specialist in tropical agricultural development and his wife, a home economist, discuss development efforts by the U.S. Government and private organizations in Central America. The Paddocks are keen observers who lived for 10 years in Latin America, during most of which period Mr. Paddock was head of Guatemala's corn improvement program with the U.S. AID mission and at an Iowa State University experiment station. The observations and recommendations are sensible and refreshing.

Jane M. Loy's *Latin America: Sights and Sounds: A Guide to Motion Pictures and Music for College Courses* (Gainesville, University of Florida, Consortium of Latin American Studies Program, 1973, 243 p.) is a long-awaited guide to the popular subject of Latin America Through Films. Teachers and librarians will undoubtedly welcome this guide to films and music relating to Latin America, which may be purchased for $2.50 from the Consortium of Latin American Studies, Box 13362 University Station, Gainesville, Fla. 32601. The Consortium has also prepared *Opportunities for Study in Latin America: A Guide to Group Programs* by Marie L. Rocca (Gainesville, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs, 1972, 120 p.) which lists U.S. as well as foreign-sponsored academic programs of study in Latin America. This publication can be obtained from the Consortium for $1.75.

All these publications may be consulted in the Hispanic Society Reading Room, Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division. [*Georgette M. Dorn*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Archives Group Visits LC

Participants of the 29th Institute in Modern Archives Administration, held in Washington, D.C., spent October 25 at the Library of Congress in a program organized by the Manuscript Division.

Manuscript Division staff members who addressed the gathering in the Whittall Pavilion were: John C. Broderick, Assistant Chief, who spoke on "Acquisition of Manuscripts and Personal Papers, Past History and Present Practice;" John D. Knowlton, Head, Preparation Section, "Organization, Description, Preservation, and Handling;" John McDonough, Manuscript Historian, and Carolyn Sung, Head, Reader Service Section, "Reference and Reader Service." Arline Custer, Descriptive Cataloging Division, discussed *The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections,* of which she is Editor.

The participants were joined for mid-morning coffee by the Assistant Librarian of Congress, the Chief of the Manuscript Division, and other staff members. The day concluded with tours of the Manuscript Division and the Library of Congress.

The institute is sponsored by American University in cooperation with the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Maryland Hall of Records. Forty-three librarians and archivists from the United States and foreign countries participated in the 29th Institute, which was headed by Ed Weldon, National Archives, Editor of *The American Archivist.*

[*John C. Broderick*]

Several DDC Meetings Held

The Dewey Decimal Classification has been the subject of several recent meetings. On November 1-2 the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee met in the Library and further considered proposals and plans for the development of the 19th edition, publication of which is several years away. The Committee welcomed two new members, John P. Comaromi of the library school faculty of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, and Joel P. Downing, Assistant Editor of the *British National Bibliography.* Mr. Downing has attended meetings for three years as a British representative but is now a full voting member.

On November 9, Benjamin A. Custer, Editor, lectured on the Dewey Decimal Classification to library science students at North Carolina Central University, Durham, and later in the day discussed it with faculty and library science students of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Present at the first meeting were practicing Dewey classifiers from the Raleigh-Durham area, including Duke University.

On November 16, Edna E. Van Syoc, Assistant Chief, Decimal Classification Division, participated in

a workshop on the use of Dewey, held on the campus of the State University of New York at Albany.

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Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries Held in Washington November 7-9

The Society for the History of Discoveries held its 13th annual meeting November 7-9 in Washington, D.C., with the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Service, and National Museum of History and Technology as hosts. About 75 persons attended the three days of meetings.

On November 7 there was an open house at the Library's Geography and Map Division in Alexandria, Va., followed by an evening reception in the Whittall Pavilion of the Library's Main Building.

The Thursday, November 8, sessions held at the National Archives included a welcome by Vsevolod Slessarev, President of the Society, and by James B. Rhoads, Archivist of the United States. The first session, chaired by Norman J. W. Thrower of the University of California at Los Angeles, included talks on the society, "Aux Arcs and Tuckers Terror," and "A Fifteenth Century Guide to Weights and Measures." Ernest S. Dodge of the Peabody Museum in Salem, Mass., chaired the second session on discoveries in the National Archives and an audiovisual record of the second Byrd Antarctic Expedition made in 1933-35. Both the third and fourth sessions were under the chairmanship of Walter W. Ristow, Chief of the Library's Geography and Map Division. Topics of speeches and discussions included the motives for Elizabethan exploration, sources of materials for studying official voyages from England during the 17th and 18th Centuries, the many different James Cooks of the late 18th Century, military cartography during the American Revolution, and cartographic resources for the bicentennial.

The sessions on November 9 at the National Museum of History and Technology began with a welcome by Robert A. Brooks, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. The fifth and sixth sessions, under the chairmanship of Philip K. Lundeberg of the Museum, included lectures on Vinland maps, Spanish scientific juntas in the 16th Century, maps of the American Revolution, and Benedict Arnold's route by canoe from Northern Maine to Quebec. "The Library of Congress Revolutionary War Bicentennial Program" was presented by James Hutson of the Library's Bicentennial Office.

John Parker of the University of Minnesota was the chairman for the final sessions which included lectures and discussions on original source materials for the study of the French in Colonial Louisiana, and the roles of Amerinds and fur traders in the 18th Century. From the Library's Geography and Map Division, John R. Hébert discussed the mapping of the Santa Fe road during 1825-26, and Richard W. Stephenson, the mapping of the northwest boundary of Texas during 1859-60.

Information about the society's purposes, interests, publications program, meetings, and dues may be obtained from John A. Wolter, Secretary, Society for the History of Discoveries, 5404 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia, Md. 21045.

Commission Focuses on National Library and Information Sciences Program

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science will be developing a major national program for library and information services during 1974. The program will focus on the development and interconnection of U.S. library and information resources, on the role of national resource collections and services, and on the implications of developing technology and administrative structures.

The program suggests that the Federal Government assume responsibility for the interstate components of a national program and for matching incentive funding to the States to help them create the intrastate components. An 18-page draft of a proposal on "A New National Program of Library and Information Service" is being distributed for study, discussion, and comment. Librarians and information scientists have been urged to submit their general reactions and suggestions for specific emendations and additions to either Joseph Becker, Commission member, or to Roderick Swartz, Deputy Director, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, 1717 K St., N.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. 20036.

NCLIS Endorses NPAC

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science has unanimously adopted a position statement endorsing the continuation and expansion of the Library of Congress National Program for Acquisition and Cataloging. The full statement reads:

The output of serious recorded informational material in books and other formats in many languages has increased dramatically in recent years and this increase is expected to continue. Access to the world's knowledge as it is recorded is

vital to the United States and to industrial, governmental, social, environmental, educational, business and scholarly interests within this nation. It is essential, therefore, to expand and improve the national program for collecting, cataloging and making available the world-wide production of recorded knowledge. A Library of Congress activity, the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging (NPAC), has already saved the nation's scholarly libraries from an inability to collect comprehensively in important foreign areas. It has also saved them from the incalculable expense of duplicate, repetitive cataloging of these materials. The Library of Congress must be provided with the means to further this important work.

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science commends to the Congress of the United States the NPAC as the best available cost-effective method for providing access to the world-wide information required for present and future generations of U.S. citizens and scholars.

NAL D.C. Branch Library Gets Telecommunications Equipment

The telecommunication capability of the National Agricultural Library's District of Columbia Branch Library has been enlarged with the addition of a telecopier for rapid transmission of information between NAL in Beltsville, Md., and the D.C. Branch, a code-a-phone system designed to improve services and access to information resources for library customers, and a CAIN-ON-LINE terminal to provide on-line interactive bibliographic search and retrieval service from NAL's CAIN (CAtaloging-INdexing) data base. The telecommunications equipment is located in the Social Sciences Reading Room (1052-S).

The immediate objective is to speed up document delivery to patrons and to improve quality of service. The staff will be available to demonstrate any equipment during library hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The code-a-phone system is designed to improve services and access to information resources for library customers. Messages are recorded at night, over the weekend, and holidays and are acted upon the next working day. The telephone number is (202) 447-3434.

LSU Offers MLS Degree Conversion Program

The Louisiana State University Graduate School of Library Science has a conversion program which permits graduates who hold the bachelor's degree in Library science from LSU to earn the Master of Library Science degree under one of four different plans. The conversion program will begin with the Spring 1974 semester and readmission forms and conversion program applications may be obtained from the Graduate School of Library Science, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. 70803.

Library Bibliographies Project Begun

A project to produce a subject guide to bibliographies, indexes, and other source material available from libraries, information centers, library schools, ERIC centers, and library associations in the United States and Canada has begun. The purpose of this Library Bibliographies Project is to develop a comprehensive list of such resources which would serve as a subject finding guide for hitherto inaccessible bibliographic and index data. The resulting volume will be issued by the Gale Research Co.

Questionnaires soliciting details about bibliographies and other source materials have been distributed. Organizations which have not received questionnaires can request copies from Mrs. E. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Bibliographies Project, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. 20742.

Oral History Association Changes Publication Policy

With the seventh annual publication of the Oral History Association, *The Oral History Review, 1973*, the association has implemented the policy that its annual publication include highlights of the annual colloquium combined with invited and submitted articles. Earlier volumes were essentially verbatim transcripts of the proceedings of the association's annual colloquia. The association has also retitled its annual publication; the previous title was *Selections from the Fifth and Sixth National Colloquia on Oral History*.

This volume initiates this policy with five articles from the 1972 Austin, Texas, colloquium and three special contributions.

The articles cover black history and the oral tradition, Indian urbanization in Dallas, interviewing Latin Americans, legal considerations and the use of oral history in teaching, an overview of oral history in Canada, and examples from interviews with persons of the New Deal era demonstrating the value to scholars of the body of records created by oral history interviews.

The Oral History Review 1973 is sent to members of the association. Others may purchase it from the

Oral History Association, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. 05401, for $3 per copy.

New Newsletter Provided by NHPC

The plans and activities of the National Historical Publications Commission (NHPC) are now being announced in a new publication, *Annotation.* This quarterly newsletter will impart current information about the NHPC specifically and about historical documentary editing generally. It will also provide an opportunity for editors to inform readers of important events or of particular problems.

Those interested in receiving this newsletter should send name, position, and complete address to the National Historical Publications Commission, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

Recent Books Available from ALA

The Order Department, American Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611, has made available three books of interest to librarians. The fourth edition of *American Library Laws,* edited by Alex Ladenson, Chief Librarian, Chicago Public Library, and member of the Illinois Bar, is an up-to-date compilation of state and Federal laws pertaining to libraries. In addition to the basic general laws which constitute the legal foundation for the establishment, governmental structure, and administrative apparatus of all types of libraries, this volume also contains a wide variety of other statutory provisions concerned with more limited facets of library organization. The 2,000-page publication is available for $35.

Computer-Based Reference Service, by M. Lorraine Mathies and Peter G. Watson, explains in detail the principles of machine indexing and processing of documents as well as the logical and arithmetic concepts which underlie them. ERIC is presented as a model or prototype computerized data base, from which broader generalizations, applying to all automated systems, are drawn. This 214-page textbook for information scientists and librarians is available at $9.95.

Library Funding and Public Support, by Robert W. Frase, former economist for the Association of American Publishers, was published as a response to the need for continuous support of national library policy and programs. Mr. Frase describes the impact a change in public policy on library support will have on college, school, and public libraries, including the crisis that may occur when $176 million in Federal library funding is terminated. The timely question of revenue sharing as a substitute is evaluated, including its effects on school and college library programs. This 80-page study is available for $2.

Two CLA Publications Announced

Two Canadian Library Association Occasional Papers have been released. *Canadian Forum Magazine Index to Vols. 1-9, 1920-1929* (Occasional Paper No. 82, $6.50) by G. R. Adshead, completes the indexing of the early issues of *Canadian Forum* magazine and should be of considerable assistance to librarians and researchers. Wilson's *Reader's Guide* indexed eight volumes of *Forum* from Vol. 10, 1930, with subsequent indexing being included in the *Canadian Periodical Index* from January 1938 to the present.

The Use of Professional Staff in Libraries: A Review 1923-1971 (Occasional Paper No. 81, $4) by Olga Bishop, reviews literature beginning with the period when librarians were trying to classify library positions and set library school accreditation requirements, and ending with the current literature by library educators on the function and role of the professional librarian and on establishing new educational qualifications.

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